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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA AND TANK DELIVERIES TO MOROCCO

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR PASSED POINTS MADE IN REFTEL TO MFA DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE EAST (LOPEZ AGUIRREBENGOA) ON SEPT 9. LOPEZ LISTENED CAREFULLY AND TOOK NOTES. HE EXPRESSED THANKS FOR U.S. REPLY AND SAID IT WOULD BE PASSED ON PROMPTLY TO FONMIN. ADDING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MFA COMMENTS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED "OFFICIAL" UNTIL FONMIN HAD CONSIDERED MATTER, HE EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT PERSONALLY THAT MOROCCAN GUARANTEES TO U.S. COULD BE RELIED ON FULLY. HE ALSO QUESTIONED WHAT U.S. MEANT IN HOPING FOR PROGRESS TOWARD "POLITICAL SETTLEMENT" BETWEEN MOROCCO AND SPAIN, AS THAT SUGGESTED LUKE WARM U.S. COMMITMENT TO ACCEPTED UN FORMULA FOR SELF-DETERMINATION WHICH U.S. ITSELF HAS SUPPORTED IN PAST.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR COMMENTED THAT U.S. CERTAINLY DID NOT CONSIDER SPANISH-MOROCCAN BILATERAL EFFORTS AT
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SOLUTION ANTITHETICAL TO UN FORMULA NOW BEING PURSUED,

ADDING THAT SPAIN ITSELF MUST ALSO SEE NO INCONSISTENCY
OR WOULD NOT HAVE INVITED OSMAN AND LARAKI FOR TALKS IN
MADRID THAT WERE APPARENTLY AIMED AT POLITICAL SOLUTION.
REGARDING RELIABILITY OF MOROCCAN ASSURANCES, POLITICAL
COUNSELOR ONLY NOTED THAT FONMIN MUST HAVE BELIEVED THEY
HAVE SOME VALUE OR HE WOULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR THEM.

3. LATER IN DAY MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS
INFORMED POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESENT WHEN
LOPEZ BRIEFED FONMIN ON U.S. RESPONSE TO APPEAL ON TANKS
AND THAT FONMIN HAD SEEMED PLEASED WITH REPLY.
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